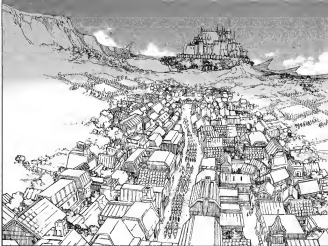


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CHAPTER 6







HEY, HEY,
CRUKAN-KUN,
ARE YOU
LOOKING!?
IT'S A
MAJOR
LOSS IF YOU
DON'T.

**A
LOSS!!**



THERE IS
A NOISY
ONE HERE



ACCORDING
TO THE PEOPLE
IN THE TOWN,
THEY WENT TO
TAKE SHELTER IN
THE EAST PORT
YESTERDAY...

WHAT!?

GENERAL
CRUKAN, IT
SEEMS THAT
THE CASTLE
IS EMPTY,
TOO.

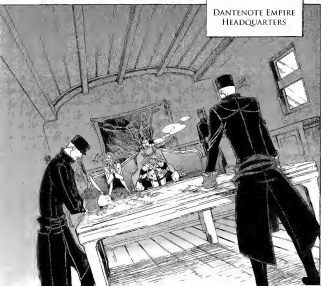


...JUST
ONE. IT
APPEARS HE
CAME BACK
TO PICK UP
SOMETHING
HE FORGOT.



YOU
CAUGHT
PEOPLE
FROM THIS
COUNTRY!?

!
DID YOU
CATCH
THEM?





SPY: BLACK







THAT WAS
THE ORDER
FROM HIS
EXCELLENCY,
THE PRIME
MINISTER.

"ALL
GRAN KAFNA
CITIZENS WITH
LEVEL 2 AND
ABOVE MAGIC
ARE TO BE
ERADICATED."

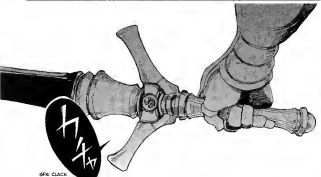


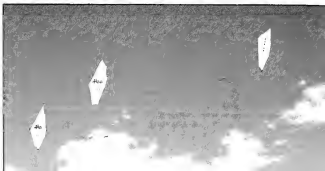
GRAN KAFNA
IS DIRECTLY
DESCENDED
FROM THE
ORPIAZ
TWELVE...

—BUT—



**KILL
HIM!**







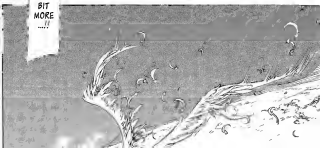


.....

...
JUST
A...



A
LITTLE
BIT
MORE
!!
.....!!









THE
DEFENSIVE
FORT BUILT ON
THE BORDER
TWO HUNDRED
YEARS AGO
TO GUARD
AGAINST THE
PLAINS PEOPLE,
THAT FORT.

FORT
RURUNGA?
YOU
MEAN...

I TOLD MY
SUBSTITUTE TO
RETREAT TO
FORT RURUNGA
AND TO THROW
AWAY THE
CASTLE IF I
DIDN'T MAKE IT
BACK IN TIME.



IT'S FINE.
I HAD MADE
PREPARATIONS

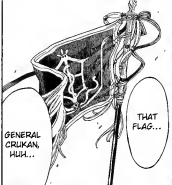
HOW-
EVER...

200 YEARS
AGO? IS IT
ALRIGHT?
WALLING UP
IN A PLACE
LIKE THAT...



IT'S A BIT
TOO MUCH
FOR AN
ADVANCE
FORCE...

THE
EMPIRE'S
MOVEMENTS
ARE RATHER
QUICK...







A large, multi-tiered stone fortress with battlements and a central tower, set against a cloudy sky.

FORT RURUNOA



JUST A
LITTLE
LONGER
...



SARLODE-
SAMA WILL
DEFINITELY
COME BACK
...



A man with a beard and a headband, wearing a dark coat, is kneeling on the ground. He is holding a small, ornate lantern in his hands. A sword is visible on the ground next to him.

GRAN KAFNA
SUBSTITUTE LORD
IORANI



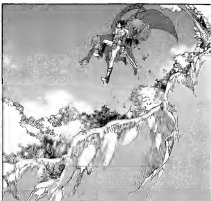
...WELL,
IF IT'S AN
ORDER FROM
SARLODE-
SAMA...



Sarlode-
sama...

Hurry...!!







SARLOPE-
SAMA!!

WAIT,
PLEASE!
IT'S ME,
IT'S ME!!



AN
URGENT
MESSAGE
...

I HAVE
...



ROUGHLY
8000 OF
THE EMPIRE'S
FORCES ARE
HEADED
TOWARDS FORT
RURLINGA
IN THE EAST.

HOW-
EVER
...

THE
SUBSTITUTE
LORD IORANI-
DONO HAS
FINISHED
EVACUATING
THE CITIZENS
WITHOUT A
HITCH.



But it would
take at least
three days...
How can I
buy three
days' worth
of time?

If the Alliance
finds out, they
should send a
force to aid us...



8000



I can
make use
of their
time...

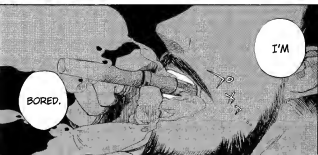
General Crukan...
A dimwitted general
who won't take action
without the word of
the prime minister...
If something unexpected
happens, he would consult
the prime minister.



EH!?



...OYE,
SORRY,
BUT WE'LL
BE GOING
BACK TO
TOWN.





I HEARD THE
LORD OF GRAN
KAFNA WAS A
DIFFICULT
PERSON, BUT...
KUKUKU... HE
REALLY FELL
BELOW MY
EXPECTATIONS.

KUKUKU...
HOW FREE
IT IS TO
BE AT THE
TOP...



ERM...
HOW
SHOULD I
SAY
THIS...



WHAT?



GENERAL
CRUKAN!

GEN-
ERAL!



I'M A
MESSENGER
FOR GRAN
KAFNA. I'M
HERE TO
NEGOTIATE
OUR TERMS OF
SURRENDER.

ALRIGHT!

ALRIGHT,
ALRIGHT!

タッタタッタタッタ



BOTH GPR: CLACK!





SEND A
MESSAGE
TO THE
GENERAL!!



MESS-
AGE?



HE SAYS...
HE WANTS TO
NEGOTIATE
THE TERMS OF
SURRENDER.

WHAT
MESSAGE?



THERE'S
NO NEED.



...WILL
YOU
MEET
WITH
HIM?

HAHA
HAHAHA!
SURRENDER!?
THE LORD
HIMSELF!?

WEAK! NOW
WEAK! GRAB
KAHA!



KILL HIM
IMMEDIATELY.

AS HIS
EXCELLENCY
THE PRIME
MINISTER
ORDERED...



SPY RUSTLE...





WHY DON'T
YOU JUST
THROW
IT SOME-
WHERE
WE CAN'T
SMELL
IT?



HEY, WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO
WITH THIS
CORPSE?



....That's...
The inn's...
Why would
they kill the
citizens...

DON'T
TELL
ME...!!





180
CLANG
CLANG



YEAH

SARLOPE,
THE MEN
BEHIND...!



HIS
EXCELLENCY,
THE
GENERAL'S
ANSWER
IS...



...FUCKING
COUNTRY...!



SARLOPE
SEEKER'S



DEATH!!





I WILL
NOT

LET YOU
LAY A
FINGER
ON MY
KING!



SHINJI KAWADA









ARE YOU
ALRIGHT...?
ANY
INJURIES?

SARLODE

.....



IT'S MY
FAULT...
COMPLETELY

...I'M
SORRY,
OVE...



IT'S JUST...
THE EMPIRE...
WAS FAR... FAR
MORE CRUEL
THAN WHAT WE
THOUGHT...

NO...
YOU'RE
WRONG







ALL SIX, RUSTLE











MAGIC'S
MAIN
WEAK-
NESS IS
THAT...

IT NEEDS
TIME TO
CHARGE.

SEK. 10/11/11



IF YOU
DON'T HAVE
INSTANTAN-
EOUS JUDGE-
MENT, IT'LL
BE FATAL.



Yes

IS ONLY
WHEN IT'S
ONE-ON-ONE,
RIGHT?



I WONDER
ABOUT THAT?
THAT WEAK-
NESS...





Of my
weak-
ness...

Right
in the
middle...

I
am

NO MATTER
HOW SKILLED
YOU ARE...

YOU CAN-
NOT RUN
FROM SUCH
NUMBERS.



KILL
HIM.

Who
can't use
magic...

Somebody
like me...

Even...



Have
L...



Been

...



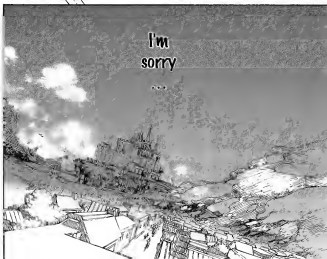
Of use
...?





Sarlode...
Nana...

I'm
sorry



BOOKKEEPER

GODSEEKER

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TRANSLATOR: WATISIT
PROOFREADER: WORLDCON
CLEANER: PHOTIKX3
TYPESETTER: RAVIN
REDRAWER:
QC: RAVIN